

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 09-3132/1	Introduction Number SB-252	Estimate Type Original
Description The duty to stop at the scene of, and to report, a motor vehicle accident		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill codifies State v. Dartez, 2007 WI App 126, 301 Wis. 2d 499, 731 N.W.2d 340; cert. denied 2007 WI 134; 742 N.W.2d 527. In Dartez, the Court of Appeals held that because defendant's loss of control of her vehicle occurred on a highway, even though the resulting collision occurred off the highway, she was "involved in an accident" "upon a highway" within the meaning of Wis. Stat. Section 347.67(1) (Duty upon striking person or attended or occupied vehicle), and 346.02(1), and therefore the trial court erred by dismissing the charge.

The broadening of the category of vehicle operators that are subject to the failure to stop requirements under sections 346.67 to 346.70 has no fiscal impact on the Department of Transportation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None